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SUBJ: COPYRIGHT RELATIONS WITH IRAN.

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1. EMBOFF CALLED UPON AHMAD MOGHADDAM LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND ARTS TO DISCUSS PROGNOSIS FOR IRAN'S JOINING THE UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT AND PHONOGRAPH CONVENTIONS. MOGHADDAM BELIEVES THE NEAR FUTURE PROSPECTS ARE NOT ESPECIALLY BRIGHT BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE CONVENTIONS AND THE OPPOSITION OF SOME PROMINENT IRANIANS.

2. ONE OF THOSE IN OPPOSITION IS DARYOUSH HOMAYOUN, PROMINENT PUBLISHER AND JUST-ANNOUNCED MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM. HOMAYOUN, AMONG OTHERS, APPEARS TO BELIEVE THAT ADHERENCE TO THE UCC MIGHT COST IRAN A BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN ROYALTIES. MOGHADDAM REPORTED THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT TURKEY IN A RECENT YEAR PAID OUT ONLY SOME \$12 MILLION IN ROYALTIES FOR BOOKS, RECORDS, TAPES, ETC., AND TOOK IN \$5 MILLION IN SIMILAR ROYALTIES FROM ABROAD. HE INDICATED THAT NO PROBLEM COULD BE ANTICIPATED FROM HIS OWN MINISTER.

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3. MOGHADDAM BELIEVES RECENT CHANGES APPLICABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE OVERCOME IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OBJECTIONS BUT THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE PLUNGE. A MORE LIKELY COURSE WOULD BE DOMESTIC OR BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE PROMISED TO SEND EMBOFF

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